

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5 and 12-33 are cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-11 are pending. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be forwarded on to issuance.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-22 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,581,102 to Amini et al. (hereinafter "Amini") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,173,364 to Zenchelsky et al. (hereinafter "Zenchelsky").

Claims 23-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Amini in view of Zenchelsky in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,255,943 to Lewis et al. (hereinafter "Lewis").

Examiner Interview

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Truong for the time that the Examiner spent on the telephone recently discussing the status of this case. During Applicant's discussions with the Examiner, starting on August 23, 2005, the Examiner agreed to allow the subject matter embodied by the combination of claims 1, 2 and 5.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 5 into claim 1. In addition, Applicant has canceled, without prejudice, the claims indicated above. Applicant has canceled these claims for the sole purpose of advancing prosecution in this matter and so that a patent will issue and the useful arts will be advanced. Applicant reserves its right to file one or

1 more continuation applications to further pursue subject matter that it believes it is  
2 due in view of the art cited by the Office.

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4 **Conclusion**

5 All of the claims are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully  
6 requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. In the event that the  
7 Office's next action is anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability,  
8 Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned be contacted for the purpose  
9 of scheduling an interview.

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